

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Conf. Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2022 * 8:30 AM

The Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers met via teleconference/ZOOM on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Board Members Present:

Ralph T. Jackson, Jr., Chair
Jason Murphy, Vice-Chair
Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA
William L. ("Bill") Herndon, Consumer Member
Kadyn Ochs-Williams, Audiologist

Board Members Absent:

Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D; ABO Board Certified
(Vacant HA Dispenser Seat)

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor
Kathy Jones, Licensing Analyst

Attorney General's Office:

Betsy Cohen AAG

Mr. Jackson, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Meeting Minutes:

- June 14, 2022 C.C. Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Ms. Ochs-Williams moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 14, 2022 C.C./Zoom Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 6/15/2022 - 9/19/2022

License No.	Licensee
HAA000203	Toni Annette Michael
HAA000204	Deborah Lynn Sterling
HAA000205	Margaret Elizabeth Fisher
HAA000206	Talema Evelyn Brown-Cannon
HAA000207	Brittany Floyd Schimmelbusch
HADE035394	Beltone Hearing Aid Center
HADE035395	Costco Wholesale #1621
HADS001078	Ethan Sabol Cole
HADS001079	Nicholas John Olsen
HADS001080	Gena Nixon Mefford
HADS001081	Joel Alexander Pinnell
HADS001082	Mason Kenneth Miller
HADS001083	Charles Gary Miller
HADS001084	Jennifer Jeanne Allen Gunn
HADS001085	Ashley Nicole Harmon

HAP000392	Carey Mathurin
HAP000393	Brittany Floyd Schimmelbusch
HAP000394	Joshua Dane Perry
HAP000395	Christopher Patrick Thomas
HAP000396	Cristy Curles Holloman
HAP000397	Jennifer Jeanne Allen Gunn
HAP000398	Steven Paul Hearnden
HAP000399	Maureen Catherine Connon
HAP000400	Siavash Ghanean
HAP000401	Alice Jane Davis
TOTAL:	25

Ms. Ochs-Williams moved, Mr. Herndon seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratify list of licenses as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Ochs-Williams moved, Mr. Herndon seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), for the purpose of reviewing of applications, the previous meetings Executive session minutes, receive the Assistant Attorney General and Cognizant (Complaints) Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Jackson, Ochs-Williams, Bray and Herndon.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, Mr. Jackson declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session

Applications:

- U.H.H.

Recommendation:

Schedule for Applicant Interview

Mr. Herndon moved, Ms. Ochs-Williams seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation on the above applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant (Complaints) Report:

- HA200004
- HA210004
- HA220001 *J. Murphy Recused
- HA220011/HA220012
- HA220015
- HA220019
- HA220020
- HA220021

Recommendation:

Currently with AG’s office
Obtain Additional Information; Schedule for Inv Int
Tabled, Pending receipt of additional information
Tabled, Pending receipt of additional information
Currently with AG’s office
Tabled, Pending receipt of additional information
Tabled, Pending receipt of additional information
Pending Board Review of Investigative Report

Ms. Ochs-Williams moved, Mr. Herndon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the Cognizant’s report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Assistant Attorney General Report:

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General, provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and /or requests for authority for proposed rules.

Additionally, the Board would like to extend appreciation to Ms. Melissa Tracy, AAG with her time serving with the Board, as she has resigned from the AG's office. Ms. Betsy Cohen will be replacing her to serve as the Board's legal counsel.

Ms. Ochs-Williams moved, Mr. Herndon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General's Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- June 14, 2022 Conf. Call/Zoom Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Ms. Ochs-Williams moved, Mr. Herndon seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 14, 2022 Executive Session Conf. Call/Zoom Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Please Note: Executive Director, B. Zimmerman will send out available meeting dates to members for a Board Rules Committee to be scheduled for discussion of Board Rules. . The official meeting date will be posted on the Board website.

Mr. Herndon motioned, Mr. Bray seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 a.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

RALPH JACKSON

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director, HC-1

Minutes approved: **December 13, 2022**